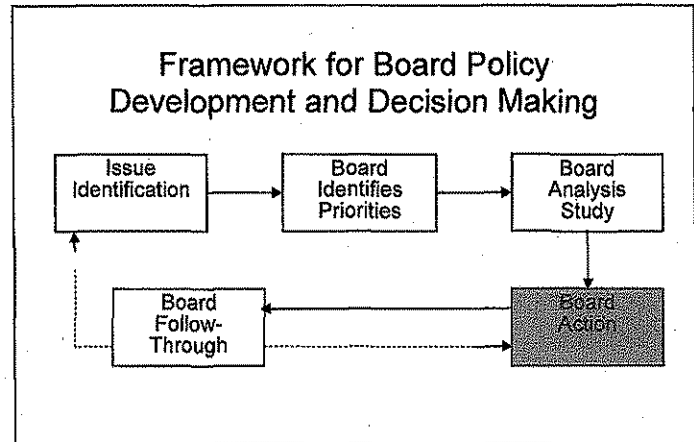


Iowa State Board of Education

Executive Summary

November 20, 2008



Agenda Item: Chapter 84 Rules, National Board Certification (Adopt)

Iowa Goal: (2) All K-12 students will achieve at high levels.

Equity Impact Statement: All licensed Iowa school teachers are potentially impacted by these rules.

Presenter: None (Consent)

Attachments: 1

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board adopt the proposed amendments to this chapter.

Background: 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 108, sections 6 and 7, phased out the financial incentives provided to Iowa teachers who become certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. A teacher must have registered for such certification by December 31, 2007, to qualify for the reimbursement award under rule 84.3. In addition, a teacher must have registered for such certification by December 31, 2007, and achieve certification within the timelines and policies established by the National Board to be eligible for the annual award under rule 84.4.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the August 27, 2008, Iowa Administrative Bulletin. Public comments were allowed until 4:30 p.m. on September 16, 2008. No written or oral comments were received.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT [281]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby amends Chapter 84, "Financial Incentives for National Board Certification," Iowa Administrative Code.

2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 108, sections 6 and 7 (Iowa Code Supplement section 256.44(1)), phased out the financial incentives provided to Iowa teachers who become certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. A teacher must have registered for such certification by December 31, 2007, to qualify for the reimbursement award under rule 281—84.3(256). In addition, a teacher must have registered for such certification by December 31, 2007, and have achieved certification within the timelines and policies established by the National Board to be eligible for the annual award under rule 281—84.4(256).

An agencywide waiver provision is provided in 281—Chapter 4.

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This amendment is identical to that published under Notice.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code Supplement section 256.44(1).

These amendments shall become effective January 21, 2009.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend rule **281—84.1(256)** as follows:

281—84.1(256) Purpose. National Board Certification (NBC) is available to teachers nationwide and requires candidates to demonstrate their teaching practice as measured against high and rigorous standards. NBC teachers enhance the educational experience of their students and motivate fellow teachers toward excellence in classroom teaching. These rules implement the two financial incentive pilot programs enacted by the Iowa legislature to increase the number of NBC teachers in Iowa.

NOTE: Pursuant to Iowa Code Supplement section 256.44, the financial incentives for NBC teachers are available only to teachers who registered for national board certification on or before December 31, 2007. Funds are available to honor the registration reimbursements in rule 84.3(256) and the annual awards in rule 84.4(256) for eligible individuals.

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **84.3(1)“e”** as follows:

e. The individual completes the department's application process, which includes submitting verification of NBC registration. The teacher must have registered with NBPTS no later than December 31, 2007.

ITEM 3. Amend subrule **281—84.4(1)**, introductory paragraph, as follows:

84.4(1) Eligibility. Individuals In addition to having registered with NBPTS no later than December 31, 2007, and achieving certification within NBPTS-established timelines and policies, individuals eligible for the NBC annual award shall meet all of the following qualifications: